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July 12, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000962 - Project No. 248, Montana Avenue Storm Drain Repair, vicinity of Santa Monica (3), to S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc., in amount of \$666,031.00.

Project ID No. RDC0011808 - Lake Vista Drive Bridge Replacement over Malibou Lake, vicinity of Malibou Lake (3), to Accent Builders, in amount of \$1,267,012.60.

Project ID No. RDC0013672 - Whittier Boulevard, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, in amount of \$568,940.45.

Project ID No. RDC0013877 - Harbor Boulevard Wildlife Underpass Project, City of La Habra Heights (4), to Excel Paving Company, in amount of \$1,113,798.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014436 - Langford Street Community Greening Project and Olympic Boulevard & Ford Boulevard Triangle Median Island Landscape Improvements, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to FS Construction, in amount of \$260,344.50.

Project ID No. WRD0000012 - Live Oak Dam and Reservoir Sediment Removal, vicinity of Claremont (5), to Doja, Inc., in amount of \$1,773,375.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000962, RDC0011808, RDC0013672, RDC0013877, and RDC0014436.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On November 9, 2004, Synopsis 29, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. RDC0013877.

The remaining projects were found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000962, PROJECT NO. 248 MONTANA AVENUE STORM DRAIN REPAIR (vicinity of Santa Monica), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Repair of an existing outlet structure, construction of reinforced concrete pipe, concrete collars, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 17, 2005 (Synopsis 63)

BID OPENING DATE: June 14, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc., a corporation 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 108 Van Nuys, California 91406 (818) 901-8883	\$ 666,031.00
2	Blois Construction, Inc.	\$1,081,954.00
3	*Miramontes Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,232,564.00

+SBE
*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 357,443.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 666,031.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 308,588.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 86 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

On May 17, 2005, your Board authorized the Acting Director of Public Works to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost. The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00. However, the lowest bid exceeded the authorized amount by \$308,588.00. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices estimated for concrete piles and installation of concrete piles was significantly underestimated based on the nature of the specialty work required in the installation of piles. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$666,031.00.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. This project qualifies for a statutory exemption pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(3), of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011808, LAKE VISTA DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MALIBOU LAKE (in the vicinity of Malibou Lake), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of the existing bridge on Lake Vista Drive over Malibou Lake.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 7, 2005 (Synopsis 50)

BID OPENING DATE: July 7, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Accent Builders, a corporation 12129 Foothill Boulevard Lakeview Terrace, California 91342 (818) 890-3405	\$1,267,012.60
2	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$1,489,037.80
3	John S. Meek Company, Inc.	\$1,489,176.15
4	G.B. Cooke, Inc.	\$1,558,906.25
5	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$1,737,821.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,183,848.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,267,012.60
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 83,164.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 7 percent above the engineer's estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) Program covered by Agreement 71078, with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

On June 7, 2005, your Board authorized the Acting Director of Public Works to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost. The estimated construction cost was in the range of \$1,000,000.00 to 1,200,000.00, and the lowest bid exceeded the authorized amount by \$67,012.60. A review of the estimate indicates that it did not account for increased pricing of several contract items. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to Accent Builders, in the amount of \$1,267,012.60.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Accent Builders, has one DBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract yielding a proposed DBE participation of 13.8 percent. This contract does have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal of 13 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On August 17, 2004, Synopsis No. 46, your Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2005 and be completed in January 2006.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013672, WHITTIER BOULEVARD (in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; construction of curb ramps and bus pads; planting of parkway trees; and the modification of traffic signal system.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 31, 2005 (Synopsis 79)

BID OPENING DATE: June 28, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, a corporation 9614 Cozycroft Avenue Chatsworth, California 91311 (818) 999-0394	\$568,940.45
2	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$618,552.00
3	Excel Paving Company	\$619,523.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$484,459.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$568,940.45
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 84,480.95

The amount of the recommended contract is 17 percent above the estimate which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. While the bid price is significantly higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) covered by Agreement No. 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of the road improvement projects. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposition C Local Return and Road Fund Budgets.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Bannaoun Engineers Constructors has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 13 percent. This contract has a Federal-mandated DBE goal of 13 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(4), (x)(9), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in November 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013877, HARBOR BOULEVARD WILDLIFE UNDERPASS
PROJECT (City of La Habra Heights), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a multi-plate corrugated steel underpass, retaining walls, portland cement concrete v-ditch, and splash wall; the installation of an irrigation system and landscaping; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 17, 2005 (Synopsis 61)

BID OPENING DATE: June 28, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Palp, Inc., a corporation dba Excel Paving Company 2230 Lemon Avenue Long Beach, California 90806-5195 (562) 599-5841	\$1,113,798.00
2	S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc.	\$1,150,638.12
3	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$1,240,839.80
4	*Accent Builders, Inc.	\$1,269,513.18
5	PPC Construction, Inc.	\$1,281,551.60
6	G. B. Cooke, Inc.	\$1,374,233.80
7	GCI Construction, Inc.	\$2,287,806.80

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 960,775.98
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,113,798.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 153,022.02

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate.

On May 17, 2005, your Board authorized the Acting Director of Public Works to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost. The estimated construction cost was in the range of \$850,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. The lowest bid exceeded the authorized amount by \$113,798.00. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Since all seven bids received were above the estimate and are very competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project will be constructed at no cost to the County. This project will be completed as a Federal-aid project utilizing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activity (STEa) grant funds. The entire cost of the project will be financed with these MTA and STEa grant funds and local matching funds. The Habitat Authority will be responsible for financing the local matching funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund budget, which will be reimbursed by the aforementioned grant funds and Habitat Authority local matching funds.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Excel Paving Company has two DBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 10.8 percent. This contract has a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal of 10 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 9, 2004, Synopsis 29, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2005 and be completed in January 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
July 12, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014436, LANGFORD STREET COMMUNITY GREENING
PROJECT AND OLYMPIC BOULEVARD & FORD BOULEVARD TRIANGLE MEDIAN
ISLAND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (vicinity of East Los Angeles),
Supervisory District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of trees, shrubs, and ground covers; installation of automatic irrigation system and chainlink fence; construction of curb ramps, concrete block masonry walls, drainage structures, and exposed aggregate colored concrete pavement; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 10, 2005 (Synopsis 105)

BID OPENING DATE: July 12, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Angel R. Fierros, an individual dba FS Construction 13368 Aldergrove Street Sylmar, California 91342 (818) 974-0895	\$260,344.50
2	*G. Coast Construction, Inc.	\$433,602.00
3	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$621,850.00

*MBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$228,241.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$260,344.50
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 32,103.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent above the estimate.

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work included in several contract items. We do not believe that re-advertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

FS Construction, an MBE, has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 11.7 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (j), (x)(10), (x)(13), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. WRDD000012, LIVE OAK DAM AND RESERVOIR SEDIMENT
REMOVAL (in the vicinity of Claremont), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Removal and disposal of sediment.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 12, 2005 (Synopsis 45)

BID OPENING DATE: May 17, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Doja, Inc., a corporation 13224 East Valley Boulevard La Puente, California 91746 (626) 369-9573	\$1,773,375.00
2	+Clarke Contracting Corporation	\$1,993,245.00
3	Vance Corporation	\$2,070,912.50
4	* Stronghold Engineering, Inc.	\$2,085,100.00
5	+ Remedial Civil Constructors, Inc.	\$2,167,432.50

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of engineer's estimate	\$1,913,865.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,775,375.00
Amount of recommended contract below engineer's estimate	\$ 138,490.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 7.2 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Doja, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 20, 2004, your Board found that the removal of sediment from the reservoir is exempt as an emergency project under Public Resources Code, Sections 21080(b)(2), (3), and (4), and CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15269(a), (b), and (c). As set forth in a Notice of Exemption filed with the County Clerk, the project is necessary to mitigate the emergency situation relating to the Live Oak Dam and Reservoir caused by the Williams and Padua Fires.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in December 2005.

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